

REMARKS

The applicants appreciate the Examiner's thorough examination of the application and request reexamination and reconsideration of the application in view of the preceding amendments and the following remarks. The applicants are also filing a Notice of Appeal and Pre-Appeal Request for Review simultaneously herewith.

THE §112 REJECTIONS

The Examiner rejects claims 4 and 5 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite, particularly, as lacking antecedent basis.

In reply, the applicants have cancelled claim 4 and amended claim 5.

Accordingly, the applicants request that the Examiner withdraw the rejections of claims 4 and 5.

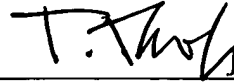
CONCLUSION

The Examiner's rejections based on 35 U.S.C. §112 have been addressed. The applicant has filed a Notice of Appeal and Pre-Appeal Request for Review with respect to the remaining rejections in the Office Action, and it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

If for any reason this Response is found to be incomplete, or if at any time it appears that a telephone conference with counsel would help advance prosecution, please telephone the

undersigned or his associates, collect in Waltham, Massachusetts at (781) 890-5678.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "T. Thompkins, Jr.", written over a horizontal line.

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